

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 21, 2005. Claims 1-60 stand subject to a restriction/election requirement.

Election of Species

In response to the Examiner's restriction/election requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species 4, pending claims 1, 20, 21, and 24-28, as grouped by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims

Independent claims 1, 39, and 55, and dependent claim 25 have been amended to recite a plurality of (or a group of one or more) series selection devices of like type at a recited end of a NAND string. Although such additional limitation is believed to be clear, it does not necessarily require that the selection devices at a particular end of the NAND string are the same type as the memory cells devices of the NAND string (although in certain other claims this is specifically claimed), nor does it require that the selection devices at one end of a given NAND string are necessarily the same type as the selection devices at the other end of the given NAND string.

Claim 3 has been amended to now depend from claim 21. Claim 8 has been amended to now depend from claim 20. Claim 13 has been amended to now depend from claim 20. Claim 22 has been amended to now depend from claim 21. Claim 33 has been amended to remove a now redundant limitation. Consequently, claims 3-6, 8-18, 22, 23, and 29-37 are all believed to fall within Species 4 at least for their dependence from Species 4 claims.

Claim 54 (which is a duplicate of claim 38) has been amended to now depend from claim 39.

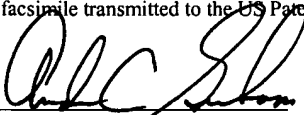
Summary

Claims 1-60 remain in the case. The Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination of claims 1, 3-6, 8-18, and 20-37 on the merits. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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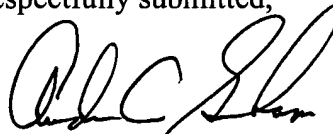
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